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**Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2022 Fiscal Year Report**

Subject to §18-505 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, “the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) shall report to the General Assembly by January 1 of each year on the implementation of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program and the requirements of § 18-28a-05 of this title.”

Listed below are the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment (LARP) priority fields of employment:

1. Lawyers who provide legal services to low-income residents of Maryland (mandated by law);
2. Nurses in nursing shortage areas, as defined by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) (mandated by law);
3. Nurse faculty members;
4. Occupational and physical therapists;
5. Social workers with a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in social work;
6. Physician’s Assistants;
7. Licensed Clinical Counselors;
8. Speech pathologists;

9. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland;

Those areas for 2021-2022 were:

- Technology Education (secondary)
 - Chemistry (secondary)
 - Computer Science (secondary)
 - English for Speakers of Other Languages-ESOL (elementary and secondary),
 - Health Occupation (secondary)
 - Latin (secondary)
 - Mathematics (secondary)
 - Physics (secondary)
 - Physician Assistants
 - Earth/Space Science (secondary)
 - Dance (elementary & secondary)
 - Reading Specialist (elementary & secondary)
 - Speech Language Pathology (educational service area)
 - Spanish (secondary)
 - Special Education: Generic - infant to grade 3; grades 1 through 8; grades 6 to adult; hearing impaired; severely & profoundly disabled; visually impaired.
10. Teachers at any level or subject field who teach in schools designated as Federal Title 1 or Schools Identified for Improvement by the Maryland State Department of Education; and
11. Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award
- a. In addition to the general eligibility requirements, to be eligible for a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award, the applicant must have
- (1) Have taught at a public school in Maryland for at least 2 years:
- i. In science, technology, engineering, fine arts, or math subjects; or
 - ii. In a school in which at least the following percentages of the students are enrolled in the free and reduced price lunch program in the State:
 - 1. 75% through June 30, 2025; and
 - 2. 55% beginning July 1, 2025; or in the State for 2 years; or
 - iii. In a school that:
 - 1. Had Title I status during the 2018-2019 school year;
 - 2. Lost Title I status after the 2018-2019 school year; and
 - 3. Participates in the United States Department of Agriculture Community Eligibility Provision; and
- (2) Received the highest performance evaluation rating for the most recent year available in the county in which the teacher taught

LARP applications were available in August 1, 2022 and were accepted until October 1, 2022. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received 122 complete and eligible applications, 316 incomplete applications and 88 ineligible applications. One-hundred twenty (120) eligible applicants were offered awards and were processed for payment. No applicants were placed on the waiting list.

Table 1 shows the award type, number of awards made/disbursed, and the award year(s) that the applicant is eligible to receive the award.

Table 1

Award Type	Number of Awards Made/Disbursed	Eligible Award Year(s)
One Year Only Awards	44	2021-2022
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	76	2021-2022

Table 2 shows awards by priority field for initial and renewal recipients, number of awards made and disbursed, and the percentage of awards each field received.

Table 2

Field	Total Number of Applicants	Number of Eligible Applicants/Renewal Recipients	Number of Awards Made/Disbursed	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	5	2	2	1.08%
Social Work	127	87	87	47.03%
Teaching	102	56	55	30.27%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	0	0	0	0.00%
Nursing	73	33	33	17.84%
Licensed Clinical Counselor	10	0	0	0.00%
PTOT	3	3	3	1.62%
Speech Pathology	7	3	2	1.62%
Nurse Faculty	1	1	1	0.54%
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	328	185	183	100.00%

Table 3 provides the dollar amount received by each field, the percentage of total dollars received by field, and the average award.

Table 3

Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$20,000	1.76%	\$4,000
Social Work	\$649,300	57.05%	\$5,112
Teaching	\$276,500	23.77%	\$2,711
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Nursing	\$145,236	13.38%	\$1,990
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$0	0.00%	\$0

PTOT	\$30,000	2.64%	\$10,000
Speech Pathology	\$16,000	0.53%	\$2,286
Nurse Faculty	\$10,000	0.88%	\$10,000
Physician's Assistant	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total	\$1,147,036	100%	\$4,512

Table 4 illustrates the sectors of employment in which the award recipients are employed.

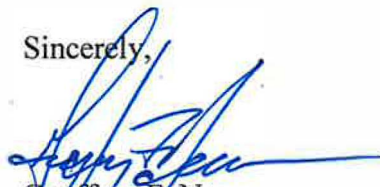
Table 4

Field	State/Local Government	Private/Non-Profit Sector	Total
Law	2	0	2
Grasmick	0	0	0
Social Work	53	34	87
Teaching	51	5	56
Nursing	13	20	33
PTOT	1	2	3
Licensed Clinical Counselor	0	0	0
Speech Pathology	3	0	3
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
Total	124	61	185

The State/local government employed 67.03% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 32.97% of the award recipients.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Towers at 410-767-3059, or lee.towers@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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